

*Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio
Essex Place – 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence, OH 44131*

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, June 27, 2024

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

Roll Call -

Present – Christine Krol, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, William Morrison, Jr.
Administration Present – Bob Mengerink, Jennifer Dodd, Bruce Basalla

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2024-06-01 - Approve Agenda

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Anthony Miceli
Ayes: George Klepacz, Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, William Morrison, Jr.

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-06-02 - Accept the May 2024 Financial Statements

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Treasurer's Financial Statements as of May 31, 2024 that includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Financial Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments and Bank Reconciliation.

Motion: William Morrison, Jr.; seconded by George Klepacz
Ayes: William Morrison, Jr., George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-06-03 - Accept the May 2024 Check Register

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Check Register for the period of May 1 to May 31, 2024.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by William Morrison, Jr.
Ayes: Carol Fortlage, William Morrison, Jr., George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2024-06-04 - Approve Final FY 2023-2024 Appropriations including year-end Transfers and Advances

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby approves the Final Appropriations in the amount of \$158,299,787. Also included in this resolution, the Governing Board approves year-end transfers in the amount of \$370,000 and year-end advances in the amount of \$3,890,000.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, William Morrison, Jr.

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-06-05 - Approve Temporary Appropriations for FY 2024-2025

Be it Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby approves the Temporary Appropriations for FY 2024-25 in the amount of \$39,574,872.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by William Morrison, Jr.

Ayes: George Klepacz, William Morrison, Jr., Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-06-06 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse Christine Krol (\$141.50) for expenses incurred.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Anthony Miceli, William Morrison, Jr.

Abstention: Christine Krol

Motion approved 4-0

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Resolution #2024-06-07 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse George Klepacz (\$42.21) for expenses incurred.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, William Morrison, Jr.

Abstention: George Klepacz

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2024-06-08 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse Carol Fortlage (\$63.65) for expenses incurred.

Motion: William Morrison, Jr.; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: William Morrison, Jr., George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Abstention: Carol Fortlage

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution #2024-06-09 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse Anthony Miceli (\$146.33) for expenses incurred.

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, William Morrison, Jr.

Abstention: Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 4-0

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Resolution #2024-06-10 – Approve Board Member Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse William Morrison, Jr. (\$284.08) for expenses incurred.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol

Abstention: William Morrison, Jr.

Motion approved 4-0

The Treasurer provided details about the contracts within the Consent Agenda for the State Auditor and for Property and Liability Insurance. He also distributed and discussed information shared at the most recent Finance Committee meeting.

Resolution #2024-06-11 – Approve Reduction in Force (RIF) for Certified Employee

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio shall reduce in force within the ranks of teaching (certified) staff, through the suspension of their 2024-2025 employment contract(s) for financial conditions pursuant to Section 3319.17 of the Ohio Revised Code as determined by the Superintendent. The Treasurer is directed to give written notice of this action no later than June 30, 2024.

- Carrie Sullivan: Family and Community Partnership Liaison Grant

Motion: William Morrison, Jr.; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: William Morrison, Jr., George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-06-12 – Approve Reduction in Force (RIF) for Administrative Employees

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio shall reduce in force within the ranks of administrative staff, through the suspension of their 2024-2025 employment contract (s) for financial conditions pursuant to Section 3319.171 of the Ohio Revised Code as determined by the Superintendent. The Treasurer is directed to give written notice of this action no later than June 30, 2024.

- Amy Harker: Personalized Learning Specialist, Personalized Learning Grant

Motion: George Klepacz; seconded by William Morrison, Jr.

Ayes: George Klepacz, William Morrison, Jr., Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2024-06-13 – Approve Agreement for Therapy Services

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio authorizes the Treasurer to enter into an agreement with Lisa Dietsche, PT, LLC for related services effective June, July, and August 2024.

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by William Morrison, Jr.

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, William Morrison, Jr., George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2024-06-14 – Approve Alternative Administrator License

Be It Resolved, having satisfied the requirements for an Alternative Principal License set forth in O.A.C. 3301-24-11, the Governing Board hereby employs Christopher Callender effective August 5, 2024 as an Principal for grades K-12 assigned to the Education Alternative Program. The Governing Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, pursuant to O.A.C. 3301-24-11(A), to request that Christopher Callender be issued a one-year alternative principal license for grades K-12.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, William Morrison, Jr.

Motion approved 5-0

The Superintendent talked about an upcoming meeting with the new Director of the School of Education at Cleveland State University. He also shared that the ESCNEO would be a part of a Cuyahoga County cohort attending a statewide Kids Summit in September hosted by the Department of Children and Youth. Lastly, he shared that Anthony Pizzuti, the Director of Student Wellness would be presenting at the next Board Work Session.

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Resolution #2024-06-15 - Approve Consent Agenda

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the Consent Agenda with the following items:

- a. Minutes of May 30, 2024 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of OSTs New Teacher Substitutes
- d. List of OSTs Substitute Teacher Renewals
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages
- f. Advocacy and Communication Agreement
- g. State Auditor Agreement
- h. Property and Liability Insurance Contract 7-01-2024 thru 6-30-2025
- i. 2024-2025 Salaries for PEP Staff
- j. 2024-2025 Salaries for Bright Beginnings Staff
- k. Hattie Larlham Agreement
- l. Jefferson County Virtual Learning Academy Renewal Agreement

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by William Morrison, Jr.

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, William Morrison, Jr., George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Board Member Reports and Comments

Mrs. Fortlage mentioned that she attended the Finance Committee where the information was discussed that the Treasurer shared during his comments.

Dr. Krol shared her perspectives on presenting the Humanitarian Award for Independence High School and the Capstone Graduation.

Mr. Miceli also commented on his attendance at the Finance Committee.

Mr. Morrison, Jr. told the administration that he appreciated being able to meet with Bill Wagner, the Director of the First Ring Schools Collaborative and that he had learned a lot.

Future Agenda Items

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Adjournment – Resolution #2024-06-16 Time: 10:33 a.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by William Morrison, Jr.

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, William Morrison, Jr., Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Motion approved 5-0

***Next Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.***

Minutes submitted by Bruce Basalla, Treasurer

Minutes approved 07/25/2024



President



Treasurer

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